

IN MEMORY OF STEVEN S.
CAUDLE

HON. ERIC CANTOR

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 8, 2001

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, the Henrico County Division of Police has lost one of its best. Steven S. Caudle was suddenly taken from his wife, Susan, and two daughters, Kristen, 19, and Jamie, 15 when the car in which he was riding veered off the road on January 26, 2001.

A Richmond native, Mr. Caudle was a 21-year veteran of the Henrico County Division of Police. Upon graduating from Highland Springs High School, he served four years in the army as a military policeman. He then returned home to Henrico County and began his law enforcement career. He worked for a number of years in the Street Crimes Unit before moving to a job providing technical support on narcotics investigations. Eventually, he returned to his roots and served an additional four years with the Uniform Division.

Described by friends and family as a soft-spoken southern gentleman with a great sense of humor and an incredible laugh, Mr. Caudle was an enthusiastic collector of Civil War artifacts. During his free time he liked to play pool, go fishing for rockfish in the Chesapeake Bay, and spend time with his daughters skiing and tubing on the Pamunkey River.

Those who knew him best lauded his skills as an officer, a person, and most importantly as a father. According to Sgt. J.J. Riani, "the thing that came most naturally to him was being his daughters' father." His wife of nearly 25 years described Mr. Caudle as "the best detective there ever was. If there was a crime out there, he could solve it. He lived life to its fullest. He didn't waste a moment of living. He was always there for his friends, willing to help anybody at anytime for anything."

Perhaps Mr. Caudle's legacy can best be described by his children. Daughter Jamie, 15, said, "I think my dad was like probably the coolest parent ever. I could tell him anything. He was not only my father but my best friend. I loved him and he loved me and I know I made him proud." Older daughter Kristen, 19, said, "Daddies are supposed to be heroes. They're supposed to be strong. They're not supposed to die."

Today we remember a true hero. Steve Caudle put service before self and family ahead of all others. Steve will be missed not only by the people who knew him, but by those in the community that he served with dignity, respect and true heroism.

TRIBUTE TO THE SOMERVILLE
ARTS COUNCIL

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Somerville (Massachusetts) Arts Council and to Cecily Miller, who served as its

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director for fifteen years. Ms. Miller transformed a small, under-funded coterie of art lovers into a powerful community force. It is no exaggeration to say that Ms. Miller used art to forge community. Somerville has historically been a city of immigrants and working people. During the decade I served as Mayor, Somerville experienced some gentrification but no loss of neighborliness. Cecily Miller played no small part in that achievement. To bring people together, she created ART BEAT, an annual celebration of arts, crafts, music, and dance that draws large, orderly, and animated crowds to our public squares.

In addition to the public festivals, I would like to cite three of her most imaginative projects:

(1) The Garden Awards—each year Somerville gardens are displayed in brilliant photographs, and the gardens are as different as our citizens. Some of the backyards are restrained and minimalist, some explode with flowers and vegetables bursting through chain-link fences. The photograph in my Longworth office shows an exuberant man, in ripe middle age, holding aloft dahlias. People have different ideas of the way they want their own yard to look, but no difficulty in recognizing the beauty of their neighbors'.

(2) The Illumination Tour—Somerville householders illuminate their homes and gardens for the winter holidays. Cecily Miller recognized these decorations as a genuine art form, and organized a trolley tour of the most spectacular installations. Again, she helped citizens to share and celebrate their neighbors' observances.

(3) The Mystic River Mural—a public housing projects abuts an inter-state highway that obscures the Mystic River. Cecily Miller raised grant money so that teenagers from the project could work with professional artists on a mural. They covered the barrier with imaginative approaches to the water. Now, instead of graffiti, we see a river and a riverbank: reeds, herons, people fishing, swimming, chatting. Most important, young people learned that they could transform an ugly scene into a thing of beauty.

I regret that Cecily Miller is leaving the Somerville Arts Council. I am deeply grateful for all that she has done for the people of Somerville.

HONORING 21 MEMBERS OF NA-
TIONAL GUARD KILLED IN
CRASH ON MARCH 3, 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 7, 2001

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, our thoughts and prayers are with the families and loved ones of the 21 brave men who died while serving their nation. Serving in the military is a tough and demanding job not only for those who choose to serve, but the families who are forced to live without them, who wave goodbye knowing they may never see them again.

I met recently with General Harrison with the Florida National Guard, and we talked

about the great work the Guard was doing, all while being called for more and more missions. We are particularly thankful for the Guard in my home state of Florida because of the great support they offer. Whether it's fighting our wildfires or preparing for our hurricanes, the Guard is always there for us in our time of need.

I speak for my colleagues and all my constituents in thanking every man and woman who puts their life on the line for this country. Not just when tragedy strikes, but for every day that you protect us from harm.

TRIBUTE TO BILL AND CLAUDIA
COLEMAN

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 8, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize Bill and Claudia Coleman for their gracious donation to the University of Colorado. On January 16, 2001, University of Colorado president Elizabeth Hoffman accepted their donation, the single largest gift ever given to an American University. The gift, totaling \$250 million, will be used to establish the University of Colorado Coleman Institute for Disabilities. The program will fund advanced research and development of innovative technologies intended to enhance the lives of people with cognitive disabilities.

Cognitive disabilities are associated with a number of conditions, such as mental retardation and developmental retardation. "This will make CU the international center of excellence in developing adaptive assistance technologies, based on advanced biomedical and computer science research and computer science research, for people with cognitive disabilities," Hoffman said.

Bill is the founder and chairman of BEA Systems of San Jose, California, and his wife Claudia, is a former manager with Hewlett Packard. An Air Force Academy graduate and former executive with Sun Microsystems, Bill said the idea for the donation came from a tour of CU's Center for LifeLong Learning and Design. Bill and Claudia are no strangers to cognitive disabilities. They have a niece with the disability, and they understand the benefits and the promise new technologies offer.

The Coleman's plan to play an active role in the institute. They said the "incredibly strong" team of researchers at CU played a decisive role in the decision to give the University the endowment. "We have witnessed the challenges this population faces every day with problem solving, reasoning skills and understanding and using language," Bill said. "I passionately believe that we as a society have the intelligence and the responsibility to develop technologies that will expand the ability of those with cognitive disabilities to learn, to understand and to communicate," he added.

Mr. Speaker, this is an unprecedented gift by both Mr. and Mrs. Coleman. Their generosity and vision will help countless Americans now and in the future. For that, they deserve the thanks and praise of this body.